

TWIGWORTH NEWS

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Have YOU had your say on Twigworth's future yet!

We have been asking the residents of Twigworth for their help in shaping the future of our village community by taking part in an on-line survey; many residents have already taken the opportunity to have their say but we would like as many residents and businesses as possible to take part in the Survey as part of our 4-Year Plan (See our website). To date, we have only received a small response, so please have YOUR say!



Twigworth first attested in 1220, was known as 'Twigeworth', it is thought to mean 'enclosure made of twigs' and up until about 2020, had a population of about 380 people, but now it is growing faster than anytime in its history, with new housings developments taking shape at Twigworth Green and Fallow Fields, with more planned over the next few years at Chestnut Tree Farm and off Brook Lane, the population will increase considerably.

We want to make sure that Twigworth is an attractive and safe place for families to live for generations to come but we need to better understand the views of local people and businesses, on what you deem important for our village, to do this, the Parish Council needs your help!

The Survey has been designed to make it quick and easy to complete, with tick boxes but there is also a section where you can add more comments.

The Survey is completely anonymous, we are not asking for names or addresses and all returns will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

The Survey will run until the end of August 2024 and the Parish Council will provide feedback of the residents participation.

Please click on the link to take part [Twigworth Green Residents Survey 2024](#)

Your Local Councillors & MP

Twigworth Parish Council Officers 2024-25

Twigworth Parish Council is the first tier of Governance and are a local council that act as a first point of contact for anyone with a community issue; the Parish Council consists of 5 volunteer councillors who are democratically elected by local vote or "co-opted" every 4 years.

Although named Parish Councillors have a "lead" role, all Parish Councillors have a joint responsibility for Council matters eg. Highways & PRow; Community Engagement; Planning; Finance and Environment issues - contact details can be found on our website.

At the recent Parish Council Annual General Meeting, the following members were elected.

Councillor Rick Harris was re-elected as Chairman.

Councillor Harris is the Parish Council Lead for Highways and PRow matters; he is also a representative on various groups including Flood Warden Group; Gloucestershire Rural Community Council; Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils; Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner and Police Liaison.

Councillor John Redfern was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Redfern is the Parish Council Lead for Community matters as well as being the Administrator of the Parish Council Website and Facebook Group Page.

Councillor Graham Bocking is the Parish Council Lead for Planning matters and is also a Representative on the Flood Warden Group

Councillor Elaine Watson is the Parish Council Lead for Environmental matters

Councillor Mike Davies - No Change

Tewkesbury MP

Rt Hon Laurence Robertson MP (Con)

Conservative Member of Parliament for the Tewkesbury Borough, except Ashleworth, Chaceley, Forthampton, Hasfield, Highnam, Maisemore, Minsterworth, Tirley

Gloucestershire County Councillor

County Councillor Paul McLain (Con)

County Councillor for the Tewkesbury Borough Division of Highnam (which includes Twigworth)

Tewkesbury Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Sarah Hands (LD)

Borough Councillor Paul Ockelton (LD)

Borough Councillors for the Innsworth Ward which includes the Parishes of Innsworth, Longford and Twigworth



Tewkesbury Borough Council has welcomed a new Mayor for 2024/25

Councillor Philip Workman was invested as Mayor of Tewkesbury Borough at a ceremony held at Tewkesbury Abbey on Tuesday, 14 May.



More than one hundred guests welcomed the new Mayor at the ceremony, which included musical performances by students from Tewkesbury School.

The Mayor is the first citizen of the borough and members of the council nominate a councillor each year to take on the role.

The Mayor chairs council meetings, represents the council at civic events and attends community engagements throughout the year.

Councillor Workman lives in Shuthonger and represents the Tewkesbury North and Twyning ward on the borough council.

He named his wife, Lynne Workman, as his Mayoress and has chosen Shane Roache, minister of Tewkesbury Baptist Church, as his chaplain.

Councillor Workman also went on to recognise SARA and Friends of Alderman Knight School as his two chosen charities for the year.

Councillor Kashan Pervaiz was invested as Deputy Mayor for the year at the same ceremony.



A new plan – Supporting people, strengthening communities

At a full Council meeting on 15 May 2024, unanimous approval was given to adopt the new six-year Council Plan to help shape Tewkesbury Borough's future.

The ambitious plan sets out the council's priorities and future ambition for the borough and follows a consultation earlier in the year. 90% of respondents agreed with the Council Plan's proposed vision 'supporting people, strengthening communities'.

This new vision sits at the heart of the Council Plan and underpins three priorities areas: caring for people, caring for the environment and caring for place.



Framing these areas, the plan identifies deliverable actions from eight focus areas:

- ◆ Climate and ecological emergency
- ◆ Flood resilience
- ◆ Young people
- ◆ Economy
- ◆ Managing growth
- ◆ Housing and Homelessness
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing
- ◆ Place

More details on the Council Plan can be found at www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/council-plan

Just in case you missed the last post!

We are pleased to let you know that the Post Office will be opening a new type of Post Office branch in our area at the Mid-Counties Coop Twigworth Local Centre, Barley Drive, Twigworth, commencing on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 13:00.



In order to strengthen the network and enhance its commercial sustainability, the Post Office have introduced a lighter, flexible branch format called Drop & Collect, which has been developed to take advantage of the opportunities a vibrant, and increasingly competitive, parcels market offers.



Consumer shopping habits have been changing and the popularity of online shopping has transformed the parcels market at pace. Drop & Collect will help us address gaps in service coverage, ensuring that we have the best network for parcels across all parts of the UK.

The new Drop & Collect at the Mid-Counties Coop Twigworth, will offer Post Office services from a handheld device, providing convenient access for customers to bill payments and prepaid parcel collections and returns. To maximise accessibility to these services that our customers are increasingly seeking, more complex services like personal and business banking will not be available at this branch

If there are any unforeseen circumstances which mean the opening date changes, posters will be displayed in store to let customers know.

A wider range of Post Office services are available from the nearby branches at Longlevens Post Office, 1 Innsworth Lane, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0DG and Parton Road Post Office, 31 Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2AB.

The latest available branch information can be found on the Post Office website, www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

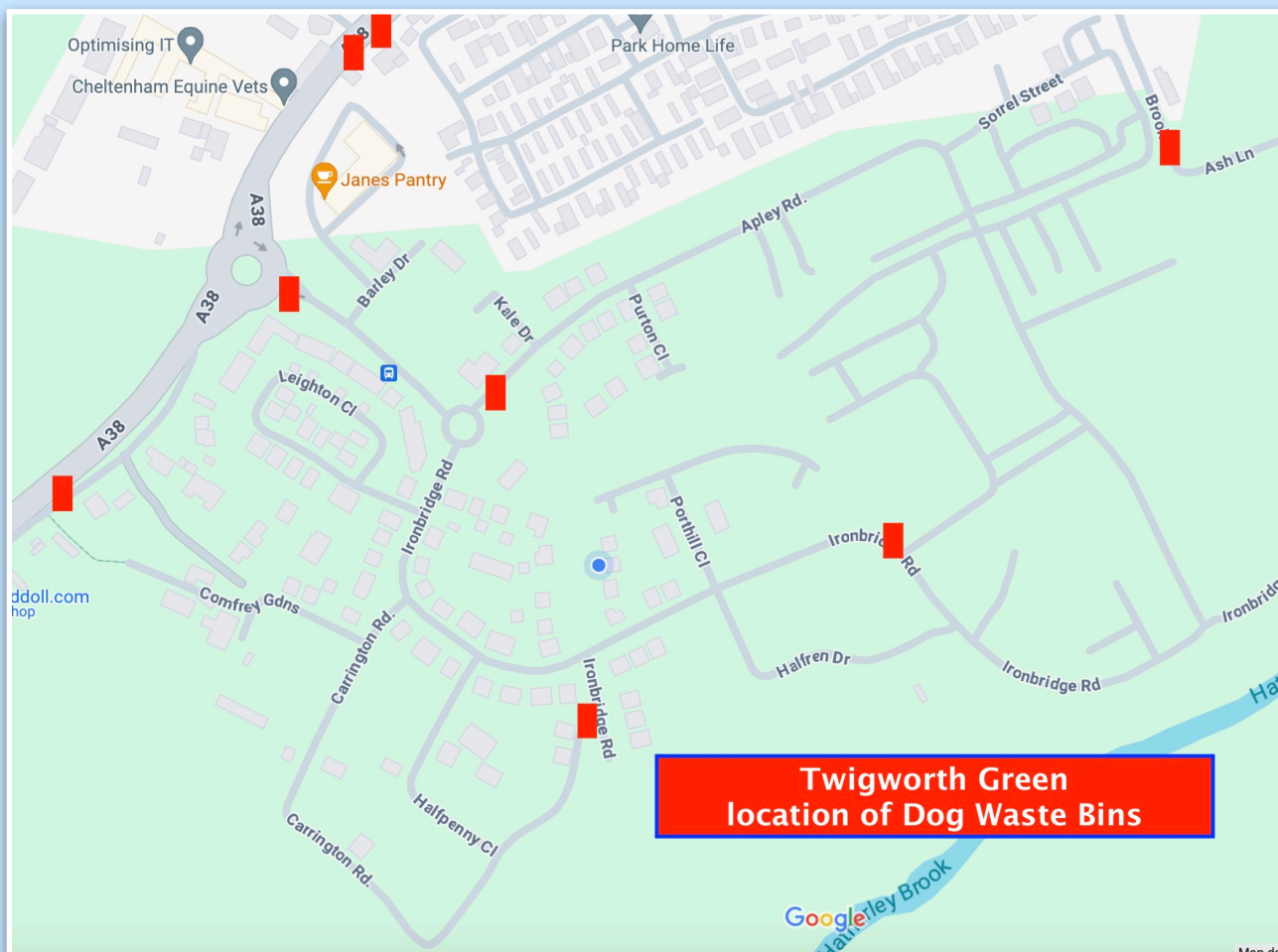
We hope that you and the local community will support the Post Office network in your area.

Twigworth Green - Dog Waste Bins

If any of the Dog Waste Bins are full, please walk to another waste bin, they are all less than 200 mtrs from each other; alternatively, you can also take the dog waste home with you and deposit it in your Green Bin

UPDATE! These bins are now being serviced WEEKLY on THURSDAYS.

Here is a Map showing the locations of the Dog Waste Bins at Twigworth Green



Latest Planning Applications

23/00605/APP Land Off Brook Lane Twigworth/Down Hatherley

Residential Development (up to 160 dwellings), associated works, including demolition, infrastructure, open space and landscaping. Vehicular access from the A38 Comments on the Planning Applications are invited from 13th May for 21 days

Next meeting of the Twigworth Parish Council

Due to the date of the General Election, the next meeting of the Twigworth Parish Council will now take place on Thursday 18th July 2024 at the Down Hatherley Village Hall.